28th January 1929]

Excise

Action taken on the report of the Opium Enquiry Committee, East Godavari district.

*1034 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have passed any orders on the report of the Opium Enquiry Committee, East Godavari district; and

(b) if so, whether the same would be placed on the Council table?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 566 at the meeting of the Council held on 12th October 1928.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I take it that the Government have not yet passed orders on the Opium Enquiry Committee's report?"

The hon. Mr S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"No, Sir."

Toddy and arrack shops in East Godavari.

*1035 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of shops for arrack and toddy in East Godavari in each of the years from 1920—27;

(b) the total consumption under each head for the same period;

(c) how many of these shops are within municipal areas;

(d) whether any of the municipalities requested the Government to remove these shops from within their limits; and

(e) whether the Government propose to comply with their request?

A.—(a) & (b) The number of arrack and toddy shops and the quantity of arrack consumed are as shown below:—

Year.	Arrack shops.	Toddy shops.	Consumption of arrack in proof gallons.
1919-20 ...	276	383	80,803
1920-21 ...	249	390	79,182
1921-22 ...	168	336	58,224
1922-23 ...	170	337	62,987
1923-24 ...	245	381	73,219
1924-25 ...	237	379	72,394
1925-26 ...	242	360	71,292
1926-27 ...	248	368	79,324
1927-28 ...	245	368	78,871

The figures given for 1921-22 and 1922-23 exclude the figures for the Agency tracts of the district. The statistics relating to those tracts for the two years were included in the figures relating to the Agency division which existed in those years. Statistics relating to the consumption of toddy are not available.

(c) Arrack shops 11
Toddy shops 10

(d) & (e) It has not been possible to trace the receipt of any such representation.